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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 16 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 17 through 21 have been added.

Claims 1 through 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kaufman.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, is reproduced below in unmarked fashion for clarity and ease of understanding:

1. A method for activating an object for highlighting during display of a presentation in a window, the object occupying a portion of the presentation displayed in the window, the method comprising the steps of:

recognizing the speaking of an activation word associated with the object, an activation link being associated with the object;  
invoking the activation link associated with the object when the activation word is recognized;

taking an activation action associated with the activation link when the activation link is invoked; and

generating modified display data associated with the presentation when the activation action is taken;

wherein the modified display data includes highlighting of the portion of the window in which the object is displayed in the presentation.

It is submitted that the Kaufman patent would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the requirements of claim 1 (claims 7 and 12 include similar but not identical requirements), and in particular, it is submitted that the Kaufman patent would not suggest to one in the art that "the modified display data includes highlighting of the portion of the window in which the object is displayed in the presentation".

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In the rejection of claim 1 in the Office Action, the Kaufman patent at col. 4, lines 5 through 30 (emphasis added):

The operation of the voice recognition and display apparatus 10 of FIGS. 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be described with reference to the flow chart 100 in FIG. 5 and the screen 62 diagrams of FIGS. 6A and 6B. At step 102 of flow chart 100, a user makes a statement, such as for example "RIGHT". The spoken word "RIGHT" is changed into an electrical signal "RIGHT" by the speech transducer 20 at step 104. The electrical signal "RIGHT" is changed into a computer language signal "RIGHT" by the speech recognition device 44 of the processor 40 at step 106. At step 108 the command/programming language device 46 in the processor 40 implements the computer language signal "RIGHT" by issuing the appropriate instructions to cause the screen memory 34 in memory to be modified. The screen and other processing device 48 sends the contents of the screen memory 34 to the screen 62 of the display device 60 at step 110. The contents of the screen memory 34 may be sent to the display device 60 and the screen 62 at regular intervals regardless of whether a user has spoken. The screen 62, before and after the "RIGHT" command is executed, is shown in FIGS. 6A and 6B, respectively. Before the "RIGHT" command is executed the window in row 3 and column A is highlighted. After the "RIGHT" command is executed the window in row 3 column B is highlighted. At step 112 the loop is repeated by returning to step 102 and waiting for the next user statement.

As stated above, the Kaufman patent discusses the changing of the "focus" among several windows on a screen, such that one of the several windows is "highlighted" similar to when several windows are concurrently displayed on a screen, but only one window is active, and the frame of that window is "highlighted". This is in contrast to the language of the present claim 1, which requires that a *portion* of a window (displaying the presentation) associated with an object is highlighted.

Claim 3 requires "wherein the activation action includes *substitution* of the designated portion with another object" (emphasis added). It is alleged in the rejection of the Office Action that:

In regard to claim 3, Kaufman discloses the activation action includes substitution of the designated portion with another object (e.g. the "DISPLAY" command replaces the

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currently focused window with a newly opened file, column 5, lines 54-57).

Turning to the referenced portion of the Kaufman patent, it is stated at column 5, lines 54 through 57:

DISPLAY [filename]	Causes application in window with focus to access a data file and to display the first page of it on the screen 62 in the window with the focus.
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However, it is submitted that this portion of the Kaufman patent does not disclose the "substitution of the designated portion with another object" as required by claim 3, but instead merely indicates that data of a file is displayed. Nowhere does it indicate that the data is substituted for other data, and in fact the display could be blank prior to the display of the data, and/or the data may merely be added to data already displayed. It is therefore submitted that the disclosure of the Kaufman patent would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the invention required in claim 3.

It is therefore submitted that the Kaufman patent set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1, 7 and 12. Further, claim 2, which depends from claim 1, claims 3 through 6 and 11 which depend from claim 2, claims 8 through 10, which depend from claim 7 and claims 13 through 16, which depend from claim 12 also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1 through 16 is therefore respectfully requested.

#### New Claims

Added claim 17 requires that "the highlighting applied to the portion of the window in which the object is displayed distinguishes the portion of the window from another portion of the window". Added claim 18 similarly

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requires that "the highlighting applied to the portion of the window in which the object is displayed, and the highlighting is not applied to portions of the window in which the object is not displayed". It is submitted that the Kaufman patent, and the change of focus among several windows, would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the requirements of claims 17 and 18.

Added claim 19 requires that "the window on which the presentation is displayed comprises a plurality of portions, each portion of the plurality of portions having an object of the presentation". This is contrary to the discussion in the Kaufman patent, which does not distinguish between portions or sections of a window having the object, but instead deals only with the window as a whole.

Added claim 20 requires "generating the presentation displayed in the window by a computer using presentation software", and added claim 21 requires that "the object comprises at least one word displayed in the window displaying the presentation". It is submitted that the Kaufman patent would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to this aspect of the invention, especially in combination with the requirements of claim 1.

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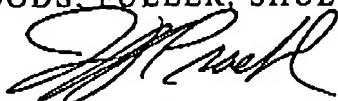
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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